

## VERMONT NEWS

Navy Fish and Game League.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Fish and Game League was held Wednesday evening in the parlor of the Hotel Montpelier. President Major George L. Thomas of Windsor, presiding. The report of H. G. Thomas of Stowe, who showed a membership of twenty-eight new members and seventeen old, was read. The report of C. F. Montague, the treasurer, showed \$1,177 cash on hand and all H. G. Thomas of Stowe and Montague were appointed as secretaries during the term of the members of the league. It was voted to change the name of the league to the "League of the Fish." The league voted the treasurer \$100 each for past year.

Meeting of State Grange.

The 37th annual session of the Vermont State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will be held in the Armory at Montpelier, December 8, 9 and 10, according to the following program:

Dec. 8, 11 a. m., opening Grange in degree. Calling the roll. Appointment of committee on credentials. Report of the executive committee. 1:30 p. m., annual address of worthy master. Reports of officers. Reports of delegates. Announcement of standing committee. Introduction of resolutions without debate. 8 p. m., public meeting. N. J. Bangs, master of national Grange, and M. S. Stone, superintendent of education, and Mayor Bigelow will address the meeting.

Dec. 9, 9 a. m., unfinished business. Reports of Pomona Grange, 11 o'clock election of officers. 1:30 p. m., completion of election of officers and two members of the executive committee. 8 p. m., concluding the sixth degree. Exemplifying the unwritten work. Imparting the A. W.

Dec. 10, 8 a. m., reports of committees. Installation of officers.

Miss Kate Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward of Burlington ended her life by hanging last Wednesday. She complained of a severe headache and stated that she was going to bed. Some time later her mother went to her room and found her dead body. She had attached an apron string to the head-post and about her neck, then rolled off the bed where she was suspended by her feet when found. She was 32 years of age and is survived by her parents and three brothers.

Antonio Valentini, who was tried for the murder of Deputy Sheriff F. A. Hayden of Ludlow some time ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced to state prison for life by Judge Chapman, who was then in Rutland county court. Attorneys O'Brien and McKinney, who defended the respondent, will take the case to the supreme court.

The defense claimed that Valentini did not know that Hayden was an officer, but supposed he was a robber and that he was attempting to raise money from him.

Fuller C. Smith of St. Albans has been appointed national bank examiner for Vermont. It will be remembered that upon resignation of Frank L. Fish of Vergennes last spring, the Vermont congressional delegation agreed to recommend Mr. Smith for the master of Deputy Sheriff Frank A. Hayden, late 18, Vice Tresorier and Vincent Gouin, life sentences for the murder of Accarino Santoro on July 22. Joseph Markets, not less than five or more than six years for horse stealing, second offense, and Harley Archer of Fair Haven, two to three and a half years for larceny from the person.

Newport Thieves Apprehended.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Goodine of Newport, have been training their children to steal from refrigerators and if the roof stars returned at night from a party thieving expedition with empty hands they were whipped and denied breakfast. This made the two boys, the elder 13 years old, very ambitious to please their parents and any number of such parties about town ensued in consequence.

Napoleon Goodine was arrested a few days ago charged with stealing from the home of C. L. Deacon. To this he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in the house of correction, Rutland. He was accompanied as far as Vergennes by his two sons, who are to attend the state industrial school.

The mother and her daughter, Maud, are on probation, search of the Goodine house and complaint of Mr. George Kendall having revealed things to eat from many larders and a variety of other loots.

Railroads to Settle.

Judson E. Cushman, commissioner of state taxes has issued the statement that on account of the recent decision of the supreme court in regard to the rate of taxation on railroad property belonging to the Rutland and Central Vermont railroads, the exact amount to be paid is \$20,477.57 from the Central Vermont, while the Rutland must pay an extra sum of \$8,942.67 over the original tax paid by them before the decision was announced. This makes the total tax to be paid by the Central Vermont \$76,562.59 and \$63,984.16 by the Rutland.

Mr. Cushman announces that the above railroads have agreed to him their willingness to settle the account without any further litigation, and the taxes will be immediately paid into the state treasury.

Barton Landing to Be Orleans.

A special village meeting for the purpose of considering the changing of the corporate name of Barton Landing to Orleans was held recently. A absolute proof was given that the Boston & Maine railroad will change the name of the station from Barton Landing to Orleans either the first of December or the first of January. The question was discussed in all its various phases and the final result was a vote of 105 in favor of Orleans and 26 Barton Landing. The following committee was appointed to present the matter to legislature for legal adjustment: M. M. Taplin, J. G. Turnbull, H. R. Buchanan.

Victim of Deer Hunter's Bullet.

Joseph Gener of Wolcott was the victim of a deer hunter's bullet Nov. 10 while driving toward his home. He heard a shot and turned to look back to see if he could discover the source when a hunter on a hill a short distance from the road fired at a buck in a herd which was feeding between the two men. The buck passed through Mr. Gener's thigh, making a clean wound. A bull moose was shining so that the hunter could easily distinguish the deer but did not see Mr. Gener, some distance away. No arteries were severed or bones broken by the bullet.

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Fire broke out Wednesday evening in the building owned and occupied by the Swift Beef company and Madden & Trumbull's grain store at White River Junction. The probable cause was a defective electric light wire entering the second story of the building. Owing to a scarcity of water, the firemen were only able to confine the fire to the building. A small portion of the contents was saved. The building was valued at \$7,000 and the contents at nearly as much more. It was well insured.

Rutland Bay Terribly Sealed.

James Alexander of Rutland was badly scalded last week by the explosion of a gallon syrup can of water with which he was experimenting. The boiling water was thrown all over his face, his left arm and left leg and the burns were so severe that the skin will all come off.

from the burned parts. His eyes were not injured. The boy, who is a mechanical genius, has rigged up some pulleys which he intended to run by steam and he was using the syrup can for a boiler. He built a fire under his improvised boiler and while he was watching it the thing exploded with terrific force, throwing the scalded water onto him.

Telephone Wires Underground.

The New England Telephone Company have begun to put their overhead wires and cables underground in Bellows Falls. The poles owned by the telephone company will be taken down upon the completion of the conduits.

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## Probate of Will.

FANNIE M. SPENCER'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia County, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office on St. Johnsbury, written and for said testator, on the 1st day of November A. D. 1908.

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Fannie M. Spencer, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, being presented to Court by Mrs. C. W. Phelps, deceased, attorney, named in the will, and the will is admitted to record.

It is ordered that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office on St. Johnsbury on the 13th day of November A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of settling the estate of Fannie M. Spencer, deceased, as aforesaid, and for the purpose of settling the debts and credits of said estate.

By the Court,

Attest, WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

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